

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REFUSE DISPOSAL DIVISION



## **Biological Services**

Process Map Number(s): BS-1.0

**Background** / **Purpose:** The Native Plant Nursery at the landfill utilizes 35,000 one-gallon pots annually. There is damage beyond use of approximately 600-1000 pots per year. This program diverts discarded pots from the landfill while reducing the costs to the nursery for its native plant program.

**Objective:** Resource Conservation Effort

Related Significant Aspects: N/A

**Target:** Utilize reclaimed potting containers for 100% of requirements (35,000 total)

**Target Completion Date(s):** July 31, 2001

**Action Plan:** Contact local nurseries (i.e. Green Garden Nursery) to obtain discarded one gallon potting containers on an annual basis to maintain adequate supply for all planting needs.

Responsible Person(s): Biologist II, Intern

**Resources Required:** Reclaimed potting containers

**Environmental Performance Indicator(s):** Total Number of pots discarded vs. number of reclaimed pots acquired annually.

**Comments (including other expected benefits or cost savings):** Additional pots are recovered from the Greens area during trash screening. \$ 156.00 - \$260.00 cost avoidance annually.

**Baseline Data:** The number of containers required annually is based on the average number of plants potted per season (35,000). The number of additional pots required per year varies depending on the number damaged from use over the course of the year. Averages between 600 –1000 pots annually.

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EMP Schedule					
Step	Action Items	Responsibilities	Role	Schedule	Resources Required
1	Inventory pot requirements for	Biologist II	Lead	4/10/01	N/A
	next planting cycle				
2	Contact local nursery	EMS Intern	Lead	4/10/01	N/A
3	Acquire pots from Green Gardens	EMS Intern	Lead	As	pots
	Nursery			required	